



## Nebraska Judicial Profile 2010

### Honorable Russell W. Harford

#### Judgeship

2009 – present

**Judge of the County Court, 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District**

*(Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, & Sioux counties)*

2010

**Presiding Judge of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, County Court**

#### Experience

1989 – 2009

Chadron, NE

**Private practice of law, partner**

1994 – 1995, 1997

Chadron, NE

**Dawes County Attorney's Office, interim county attorney**

1988 – 1989

Chadron, NE

**Private practice of law, associate**

1988 – 1989

Alliance, NE

**Box Butte County Attorney's Office, deputy attorney**

1986 – 1988

Lincoln, NE

**Nebraska State Patrol, law clerk**

#### Education

**University of Nebraska College of Law, 1987** Juris Doctorate –

with distinction

**Chadron State College, 1983**

Master of Arts –

Guidance/Counseling

**University of Maryland, 1975**

Bachelor of Science

Law Enforcement & Corrections

**Judicial/Law Related  
Activities**

**Professional Affiliations**

Nebraska State Bar Association

**Nebraska State Bar/Local Attorney Association Committees**

Alternate Chairperson, Dawes/Sioux/Sheridan County Mental  
Health Board, 1998 -2009

Coach, Chadron High School Mock Trial Team

**Nebraska Supreme Court Committees**

Lead judge, District 12 Team 1, Through the Eyes of the Child  
Initiative

**Nebraska County Court Committees**

Judicial Liaison, County Court Trial Court Forms Committee

**Community Activities**

Guardian ad litem, 2007 & 2009

Board member, Dawes County Crimestoppers

Board member, Drug Abuse Resistance Education

**Honors and Awards**

**Good Neighbor Award**, 2009, from Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben/Omaha  
World Herald

**Order of the Coif**, 1988, University of Nebraska College of Law

**Law Review**, 1987 – 1988, University of Nebraska College of Law

**Teaching & Publishing**

Adjunct faculty member, Chadron State College, teaching pre-law  
and psychology classes